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WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio earned a 92 percent rating from the Peace Action Education Fund (PAEF) on his congressional voting record from the 2005 session of the 109th Congress. The median score for all members of Congress was 33 percent.

PAEF, a sister organization to Peace Action, based the lawmakers' grades on their votes on issues such as the war in Iraq, torture, the policy of pre-emptive military attack, military recruitment practices, nuclear weapons policy, weapons in space, and funding for the United Nations.

“My goal since my first day in Congress has been to transition federal budget priorities from lavish weapons spending and military interventions to increased investment in education, Social Security, health care, and other pressing needs,” Congressman DeFazio said. “With an open-ended commitment in Iraq and the possibility of military action in Iran, it is more important than ever for members of Congress to stand up for peace and justice. I am proud to have received a high rating from Peace Action Education Fund in recognition of my efforts.”